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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
7 AT SEATTLE

8 MALYNA TIEV and JAMES NORRIS,

9 Plaintiffs,

10 v.

11 THE STANDARD FIRE INSURANCE  
12 COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:23-cv-950

MINUTE ORDER EXTENDING THE  
EXPERT DISCOVERY DEADLINE

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14 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable  
15 Jamal N. Whitehead, United States District Judge:

16 On October 31, 2023, Defendant The Standard Fire Insurance Company  
17 (“Standard Fire”) moved to continue the expert disclosure deadline by 60 days  
18 under LCR 16(b)(6) to allow more time for Dr. Patrick N. Bays to prepare an expert  
19 report. Dkt. No. 15. Plaintiffs do not oppose an extension. Dkt. No. 16.

20 The Court may modify a scheduling order if a party demonstrates “good  
21 cause.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4). The good cause standard focuses mainly on “the  
22 diligence of the party seeking the” modification. *Johnson v. Mammoth Recs., Inc.*,  
23 975 F.2d 604,609 (9th Cir. 1992).

1 The Court finds that good cause exists for Standard Fire's request. This  
2 extension is necessary due to the parties ongoing negotiations about the scope and  
3 timing of Standard Fire's independent medical examination of Plaintiff Malyna.

4 The Court GRANTS Defendant's motion. Dkt. No. 15. Defendant has until  
5 December 30, 2023, to produce Dr. Patrick N. Bays's Rule 26 expert report.  
6 Plaintiff's rebuttal expert report, if any, is due 30 days later.

7 Dated this 22nd day of November 2023.

8 Ravi Subramanian

9 Clerk

10 /s/ Kathleen Albert

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